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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. The request filed 15 October 2004 for a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 35 CFR 132 based on parent Application 09/730,326 is acceptable and an RCE has been established. An Action on the RCE follows. Amended Claims 1, 2, 4, and new claims 7-26 have been entered. Claims 1-26 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

3. Claims 1-6 and 17-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Glogau WO 98/25373.

As per claims 1, 4 and 25-26, Glogau teaches a method for protecting files distributed over a network, comprising:

displaying a site map of folders and files (i.e., displaying a listing of selection of a website) in a server computer file system [page 6, lines 1-6, and page 18, lines 10-24];

generating protection status information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the site map, the protection status information designating the at least one of

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the files selected by the user as being protected files [page 6 lines 4-14 and page 18, lines 15-24]; and

 sending the protection status information to a server computer [page 18, lines 15-24 and page 23, lines 5-22];

 downloading at least one file from the server computer to a client computer [page 7, lines 11-17 and page 19, lines 3-20]; and

 copy-protecting the at least one file by copy-protection software running on the client computer, if the at least one file is designated by the protection status information as being protected [page 19, line 22 – page 20 line 22].

4. As per claims 2, 5, Glogau teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Glogau teaches the method wherein aid displaying displays the site map together with a corresponding protection status for each file in the site map, and wherein the method further comprises tote step of modifying protection status of at least one of the files, and wherein said sending sends modified protection status information to the server computer [page 6 lines 4-14 and page 18, lines 15-24].

5. As per claims 3, 6, Glogau teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Glogau teaches the method further comprising recording the protection status information in a protection status database [page 23, lines 16-23].

6. As per claims 17- 20, Glogau teaches the system as applied above. Furthermore, Glogau teaches the system wherein the copy-protection module residing on the client computer

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blocks the ability to capture data of a file being displayed on a computer screen, wherein the file being displayed is an image file [page 24, lines 3-14].

7. As per claims 21-24, Glogau teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Glogau teaches the method wherein, generating generates protection status information designating all images within a folder / web page as being protected, in response to selection by the user of the folder / web page [page 23, lines 5-15].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

8. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

9. Claims 7-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Glogau WO 98/25373 in view of Granger et al. US Patent 6,480,959 B1 (hereinafter Granger).

10. As per claims 7, 11, 15, 16 Glogau teaches a method for protecting files distributed over a network, Comprising:

displaying a site map of folders and files (i.e., displaying a listing of selection of a website) in a server computer file system [page 6, lines 1-6, and page 18, lines 10-24] ;

generating protection status information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the site map, the protection status information designating the at least one of

the files selected by the user as being protected files [page 6 lines 4-14 and page 18, lines 15-24]; and

 sending the protection status information to a server computer [page 18, lines 15-24 and page 23, lines 5-22];

 downloading at least one file from the server computer to a client computer [page 7, lines 11-17 and page 19, lines 3-20]. Furthermore, Glogau teaches protecting the at least one file by copy-protection software running on the client computer, if the at least one file is designated by the protection status information as being protected [page 19, line 22 – page 20 line 22 and page 20 lines 2- page21 line 5]. Glogau is silent of encrypting at least one file on the server computer, if the at least one file is designated by the protection status information as being protected.

 However, copy protection of information by encryption is well known in the art. For example Granger teaches a method for copy protection of software applications including encrypting files for copy protection [see abstract and column 6, lines 14-44]. Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to employ the copy protection by encrypting files as taught by Granger within the copy protection method of Glogau thereby enhancing the security of the system from unauthorized use.

11. As per claims 8 and 12, the combination of Glogau and Granger teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Glogau teaches downloading at least one file from the server computer to a client computer [page 7, lines 11-17 and page 19, lines 3-20]; and copy-protecting the at least one file by copy-protection software running on the client computer, if the at least one file is designated by the protection status information as being protected [page 19,

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line 22 – page 20 line 22] and Granger teaches an encryption method for copy protection of files see abstract and column 6, lines 14-44].

12. As per claims 9 and 13, the combination of Glogau and Granger teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Granger teaches decrypting encrypted files by decoding software running on client computer [column 6, lines 25-35].

13. As per claims 10 and 14, the combination of Glogau and Granger teaches the method as applied above. Furthermore, Glogau teaches the file on the server computer is at least one image file [page 14, lines 18-24].

Response to Arguments

14. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Beemnet W Dada whose telephone number is (571) 272-3847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:30 pm).

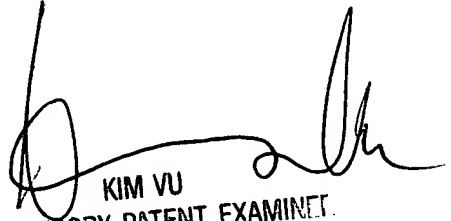
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Y Vu can be reached on (571) 272-3859. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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